(b) The post of Vice-Principal is being provided in the Vidyalayas which have reached Class-XII and have at least 350 students. The posts of Vice-Principal are to be filled up by promotion from amongst Post Graduate Teachers with 5 years of regular service in the grade in the Samiti, failing which by transfer on deputation basis.

(c) No promotion/appointment has been made to the post of Vice-Principal.

Conversion of Gandhidham-Bhuj and Veraval-Rajkot Section into broad gauge

2074. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the railway lines from Gandhidham to Bhuj and Veraval to Rajkot are likely to be converted into broad gauge;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in this regard; and

(c) what amount is likely to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) During the 9th Five Year Plan.

(b) Limited availability of resources.

(c) Rs. 100 crores on Rajkot-Veraval and Rs. 26.14 crores on Gandhidham-Bhuj section as per present costs.

वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम तथा राष्ट्रीय वन नीति में संशोधन

2075. श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल: क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने उद्योगों/गैर-उसरकारी संगठनों को वन-रोपण तथा अन्य कार्यों के लिए वन भूमि उपलब्ध कराने हेतु वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 तथा राष्ट्रीय वन नीति, 1988 में संशोधन करने का निर्णय लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार ने इस संबंध में अब तक क्या कार्रवाई की है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन जय नारायण प्रसाद निषाद): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Refunds in South-Central Railways

2076. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that refunds are not properly given by the South-Central Railways in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what are the reasons for inefficient operation the conerned;

(c) whether it is also a fact that letters are not replied to by the South-Central Railways to aggrieved passengers; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to improve the system of refunds in Sounth-Central Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The present system is working satisfactorily.

Revival of Sick Chemical Plants

2077. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of chemical plants in the country have turned sick over the last three years;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to revive these units;

(c) if so, the details there of;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to privatise these units; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA): (a) to (f) Two Central Public Sector Units located in Andhra Pradesh, namely M/s. Hindustan Flurocarbons Ltd., and M/s. Southern Pesticides Corporation Ltd. have been declared sick by the Board for Industrial and financial Reconstruction (BIFR) during this period, and their revival under the provisions of the Sick industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 is under consideration of BIFR.

Loss of Manhours Due to late Running of Trains

2078. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) total manhours lost due to delayed trains during the last year;

(b) what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure timely running of trains; and

(d) whether Government envisage enacting any law in this regard so as to fix responsibility for delayed trains and offset the national loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Such statistics are not maintained.

(b) Trains get delayed due to various reasons such as accidents, agitations/ bandhs, alarm-chain-pulling, loco failures, grid failures, miscreant activities etc.

(c) All efforts including intensive chasing and daily monitoring at different levels are being undertaken regularly. In addition, punctuality drives both at Inspectorial and Officers' level are also being launched.

(d) Staff found responsible for detention of trains are taken up regularly both for major and Minor penalties. Accordingly, during January, February, March 1996 the following staff were taken up for Major and Minor penalties:—

January—more than—753
February—more than - 651
March—more than—746

Transfer and posting of Railway Catering Employees

2079. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the Offices and Departments in Delhi where Railway Catering is functioning as an allied service?

(b) the policy and criteria for posting of staff and officers at such places;

(c) the policy and criteria for transfer of such staft and officers;

(d) whether Government are aware that posting at one place for a long period results into nexus and malpractices; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken to avoid long stay of such staff and officers at one place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) There are seven such catering establishments functioning in Delhi viz. (1) Parliament House Main Building, (2) Parliament House Annexe, (3) Prime Minister's Office Canteen in South Block. (4) VIP Canteen in Rail Bhawan, (5) Parliament House Reception Office Canteen (6) North Avenue MPs' Canteen and (7) South Avenue MPs' Canteen.

(b) Posting of officers and staff in the catering establishments of Parliament House is done in consultation with the Lok Sabha Secretariat.